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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Have not *ad hoc* rules been framed for these posts? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Rules have not been framed because we have not yet finalised the framework of the scheme. I may also add that sometimes when we post officers from various departments for this work, they are very unwilling to go and join these posts. They are not so attractive as their normal charge."

SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU :—" Has any retired Government servant been appointed as Block Development Officer? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think any retired Government servant has been appointed."

Number of handloom exporters in South Arcot district.

* 304 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of handloom exporters in South Arcot district;

(*b*) the quota fixed for each of these exporters; and

(*c*) the basis on which the quota is fixed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Statistics relating to the number of handloom exporters in the South Arcot district are not available with the Government.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Any person can export handloom goods to permissible destinations without an export licence. Hence, the question of fixing quotas for export does not arise."

Imparting of instruction in the Government colleges in Tamil or the regional language.

* 305 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have addressed the University of Madras to permit the Government colleges in the State to impart instruction in Tamil or in the regional language;

(*b*) if so whether the University authorities have agreed to their suggestion; and

(*c*) what steps, if any, the Government have taken to impart such instruction in Tamil or in the regional language in all the Government colleges from the ensuing academic year and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education) :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

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" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) No steps have been taken by the Government in the matter. The matter is primarily one for the University to consider."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether Tamil as medium of instruction has been introduced in any of the Government or other colleges till now?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think Tamil has been introduced in any of the colleges as medium of instruction."

Sri ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU :—" May I just inform the House that six years ago, in the Government College, Coimbatore, Logic and History were taught in Tamil and also in the Salem College and lastly in the National College in Tiruchirappalli?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am quite well aware of it. Certain subjects used to be taught in Tamil. What I meant was Tamil as medium of instruction was not introduced in any college as a scheme."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Have Government taken any steps to remove the disabilities in the introduction of Tamil as medium of instruction in colleges, e.g., lack of suitable text books, necessary personnel with proper grounding in the languages, etc.?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have recently appointed a committee of experts with Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar as Chairman to determine suitable equivalents for the various international scientific and other terms in use now. This is the first step taken by the Government towards implementing the idea of introducing Tamil language as medium of instruction in colleges."

Sri M. P. GOVINDA MENON :—" Since the Expert Committee has been appointed to go into the question of introducing the regional language as the medium of instruction in the colleges, may I know why Government have omitted to include in that committee any member from non-Tamil areas and why they have confined the membership only to Tamilians. If the question of language medium is to be considered, then Malayalam and Kanarese also are regional languages. May I know why members from these areas are not included in the Expert Committee?" 4-10 p.m.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As I said previously the appointment of this committee was the first step towards implementing the idea of making Tamil as the medium of instruction. This committee consisting of Tamilians has been constituted as a first step. When we see the progress of this committee, we can constitute experts among Malayalam and Kanarese speaking people."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the problem of training the necessary personnel for this purpose also be considered by the Committee."

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no question of going into this matter until we prepare the required text-books."

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI :—" Are there non-experts in this Committee who will put forward the other view? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member may have his own individual opinion about the composition of this Committee and as to who are experts and non-experts."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" May I point out that apart from Tamil, Kanarese and Malayalam, quite a large number of Muslims are there in this State and their mother-tongue being Urdu, is it not necessary that those Muslim boys should be taught with Urdu as the medium of instruction in the colleges and therefore will the Government think of including experts in Urdu also in the committee? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" After Malayalam and Kanarese have been taken up, perhaps Urdu will be taken up." (Laughter.)

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Sir, a simple question is puzzling me. Is it a fact that English language is not being taught at all in any of these schools or colleges? If it is not the case, may I know in what language is the English language being taught? Is it being taught by Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam or Kanarese? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member who is a past Master of Arts knows too well that a language cannot be taught by another language."

Extra payment to teachers in aided elementary schools in the State.

*306 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether any orders have been issued to managements of aided elementary schools in the State to pay an extra sum of Rs. 3 to every teacher from 1st April 1954; and

(b) if so, the instructions issued to departmental officers to ensure such payment to all teachers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education) :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether Government have issued orders stating that this sum should reach the pockets of teachers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Member is interested in the money reaching the pockets of